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# Office Action Summary

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Venkat Perungavoor

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## Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/04, 10/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5948085 to Blatter in view of US Patent 4997288 to Rosenow.

Regarding Claim 1, 13, 17, Blatter discloses the information processing system comprising a potential detection section which detects a predetermined potential applied to a serial bus terminal see Abstract & Fig. 2 item 110; a power supply section(Fig. 1 item 5V) which supplies the predetermined potential to each component part as a source potential upon detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection(Fig. 2 item 110) section see Col 2 Ln 2-10; an information detection section(U2) which detects the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal(Fig. 1 STRB\_OUT/DATA\_IN) see Col 5 Ln 30-39. But does not disclose the processing section which executes, subsequent to the detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section, selected one of the encryption and decryption process in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operating key arranged on the body before the detection of the predetermined information. However, Rosenow discloses the processing section which executes, subsequent to the detection of the predetermined potential by the potential detection section(Fig. 1 item 106 & Fig. 2A item Control Software for Fault Tolerant Operation),

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selected one of the encryption and decryption devices that supplied power supply see Fig. 2C item 254C, 256C in accordance with at least the operating information supplied from the operating key arranged on the body before the detection of the predetermined information see Fig. 26 item 2602 & Fig. 42 item SKEY & Fig. 26 item 2602 and in accordance with the predetermined information supplied to the serial bus terminal after detection of the predetermined information by the information detection section see Fig. 7 item 710 & 708. It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to the encryption/decryption devices in the invention of Blatter in order to protect the client from network risk as taught in Rosenow see Col 2 Ln 20-34.

Regarding Claim 2, 6, Blatter discloses the initially set in operation mode for executing the processing operation in accordance with operating information supplied from the operation key see Col 5 Ln 40-49.

Regarding Claim 3-5, Blatter discloses the potential being used to change into mode and the operation key being used to perform operation see Col 2 Ln 51-63 & Col 4 Ln 19-31.

Regarding Claim 7, 9-10, Blatter discloses the lapse in time for detection of potential and recording or reproducing operation see Col 4 Ln 45-59 & Col 5 Ln 7-13.

Regarding Claim 8, 14, Blatter does not disclose the encryption/decryption process. However, Rosenow discloses the encryption/decryption process see Fig. 2B.

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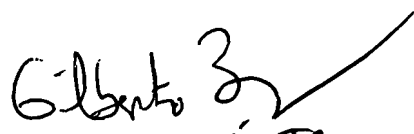
Regarding Claim 11-12, 15-16, Rosenow discloses the process being carried without regard to the information detection section see Fig. 2B.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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